



New UMW Van To Cost \$151,875

By KEVIN BUTLER
Staff Writer

For the last two years, the Board of Visitors has borrowed the students' transportation vehicle, but now the University of Mary Washington is getting a new bus, an Eldorado MST II. The University put the 22-passenger vehicle out to bid earlier this year, and it will cost \$151,875.

Rick Hurley, executive vice president and CFO for the University, said funding for the bus is coming out of the University's excess funds account. UMW students fund this account when they pay their yearly comprehensive fee as a part of tuition.

The bid proposal for the bus shows that the University did not entertain competitive offers from other companies.

According to Ellie Drew, assistant director of

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Search For New President Begins

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor

The presidential search begins.

To aid in the selection of President Anderson's replacement, the University of Mary Washington's Board of Visitors hired the professional executive search firm of Korn/Ferry International at a price of \$75,000.

Dr. John Kuhnle, managing director of the education division of Korn/Ferry International, will be assisting the board of Visitors with their presidential search.

"Dr. Kuhnle has had great experience," said Mona Albertine, rector of the board of visitors. "I feel with his expertise, he will help us find the best president possible."

"I've been helping institutions for 20 years," Kuhnle said. "Mary Washington is a first rate school. I wish all my clients had this much appeal."

As of right now, no prospective candidates have been identified, according to Kuhnle.

"It's an open door," Kuhnle said. "Anyone can apply, anyone can nominate anyone."

Albertine said the next step in the selection process is the appointment of a presidential search committee, which will be announced in

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Andrew Dees/Bullet

New Hall was renamed Arrington Hall in a surprise ceremony.

New Hall Gets A Name

By KATIE TELLER
Editor in Chief

Nobody lives in New Hall anymore—they live in Arrington Hall.

On Saturday morning, the residence hall was named Arrington Hall, after major benefactor and 1941 graduate Arabelle Arrington.

Ron Singleton, senior vice president for university relations and legislative affairs, said the name was announced as a surprise to Arrington. "I was extremely honored," said Arrington, a resident of Warrenton. "I'm sure there are others probably more deserving than me but I've been very close to the college ever since I graduated in

1941 and still stay active."

Arrington said she didn't know the exact amount of money she had given to the University, but Jeff Rountree, vice president for university development, said Arrington has given over a million dollars.

The ceremony was supposed to be held outside of the residence hall, but rainy weather forced the ceremony inside to the Phyllis Ridderhof Martin Gallery, where the Mary Washington Foundation Board was meeting, according to Singleton. The new sign was unveiled on a Power Point projector in the gallery.

Chris Porter, director of residence life, said she had heard about the renaming a few weeks prior,

but did not receive confirmation until the Thursday before the ceremony.

"I'm very excited that New Hall has gotten...such a worthy name," Porter said. "Mrs. Arrington is legendary. She has contributed so much to this institution. I was very, very pleased to hear that it would be named after her."

The board approved the new name behind closed doors during its February meeting.

Mona Albertine, rector of the BOV, said the board was honoring Arrington for her commitment to the University—and the board did not consider other potential names.

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Dan Coo/Bullet

Breaking Point

Ralph Nader addressed UMW last Friday night. For full story see page 11.

Community Mourns Loss Of 9-Year-Old

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor

Nine-year-old Matthew Bennett, son of the University of Mary Washington's psychology department secretary Jean Bennett, died last Friday. Bennett, a third grader at Robert E. Lee Elementary School, was struck by a vehicle on Robert E. Lee drive while riding his bicycle in the driveway of his home.

According to Spotsylvania County Sheriff Howard Smith, the accident occurred at 10:40 a.m., a time when traffic is light.

"We think he lost control of his bike and went out into the roadway into the path of an oncoming vehicle," Smith said.

According to Smith, the driver of the vehicle did not appear to be at fault.

Bennett's funeral was held Tuesday morning at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. "He was very special to us," said Jean

Bennett, Matthew's mother. "He loved animals and he was very smart in school."

Staff members at Robert E. Lee Elementary School have fond memories of Bennett.

"Matthew was a unique little fellow," said Arlene Brooks, a bookkeeper at Robert E. Lee elementary. "He liked playing the guitar and was a typical little farm boy. I've never seen another child more content and loving with his parents. He would light up whenever his father or mother walked into the room."

Bennett's family requested that all donations be made to the Robert E. Lee library fund.

"He always read a lot," Jean Bennett said. "They always need to get new books."

Jean Bennett also decided to donate Matthew's heart valve to the LifeNet Donor Memorial Foundation.

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5 Day Forecast



TODAY
T-Storms

High: 74
Low: 59



FRIDAY
Showers

High: 65
Low: 40



SATURDAY
Mostly Cloudy

High: 62
Low: 37



SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy

High: 64
Low: 42



MONDAY
Mostly Sunny

High: 68
Low: 44

Verbatim ...

I am not a feminist because feminism underscores the differences between genders instead of overlooking them.

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Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor



Mar. 30—Police received reports that between March 29 and March 30 a Dell 40 GB hard drive, valued at \$100, was removed from the computer lab in Trinkle Hall. According to police, the technology department had been doing work on the computer and was not sure if they had rescued the computer after working on it. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

April 1—At 2:34 a.m., police received a report that a vehicle had crashed through the chain-link fence at the corner of Sunken Road and Fitzhugh Street. According to police, the chain-link fence broke off a water sprinkler discharge and a utility poll guide. The responding officer arrived to find that the vehicle had fled the scene, leaving behind its license plate. According to police, the officer arrived at the house of the license plate's registered owner to find that a 17-year-old male was driving the vehicle at the time of the incident. The male was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for driving under the influence.

April 2—At 2:50 a.m., police received a report of a fire alarm activation in Russell Hall. Police discovered the alarm was activated through a manual pull station on the third floor. According to police, the alarm

was reset and the investigation is continuing.

April 2—At 10:52 p.m., an officer noticed smoke on campus walk near New Hall. The officer found a fire extinguisher, which had been discharged, and saw two males fleeing the scene. According to police, the officer initiated a foot pursuit but lost the suspects on the area of the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. Police recovered the fire extinguisher. The investigation is continuing.

April 3—A 21-year-old male resident of Westmoreland Hall reported to police that between April 2 and April 3 a bicycle, valued at \$50, was stolen from the front of Melchers Hall. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

April 3—At 2 a.m., a resident assistant reported to police that he observed two males smash out the ceiling light, valued at \$30, on the ground floor level of Jefferson Hall. According to police, the suspects ran away and the resident assistant was unable to identify them. The investigation is continuing.

April 4—At 3:45 p.m., it was reported to police that a Dell mouse and keyboard were stolen from Chandler Hall room 101. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Arrington Hall

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"This was not a case of people running for the naming—we wanted to honor this generous and extraordinary lady," Albertine said.

In addition, Arrington said she has financed 11 or 12 scholarships.

According to Rountree, the Arrington Scholarship pays for family members of University faculty to attend Mary Washington.

One of the scholarships went to Michael Nissim-Sabat, the son of Denis Nissim-Sabat, professor of psychology and president of the faculty senate.

"His son was a real nice young man," Arrington said.

Denis Nissim-Sabat praised Arrington's generosity.

"I think it's a tremendous opportunity for faculty and staff to have their children attend Mary Washington," he said.

Rountree said while children of faculty normally receive the scholarship, another family member—like a spouse—could theoretically receive it.

Arrington was a founding member of the Mary Washington Foundation Board, and served as president from 1998 until Saturday, when she stepped down.

"I decided it was time for me to let somebody else do that," said Arrington, who will still stay on the board as a member.

"The time seemed appropriate to honor her," Albertine said. The ceremony was on the same day as the foundation board's last meeting of the year. Red Hofer, past rector of the BOV and parent of two Mary Washington alumni, will take over Arrington's position as president of the foundation board, according to Rountree.

Arrington has served two terms on the BOV and three terms on the alumni association board, according to Albertine. She began adding money to the senior challenge with the Arrington Challenge, which Albertine said helped put alumni giving at 34 percent—one of the country's highest rates.

Arrington also received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the University, as well as

several recognitions for her giving.

"She's one of a kind, that's for sure," Rountree said. "Probably the most generous person I've ever met, to say the least, and that shows with her giving well north of a million dollars."

Sophomore Lucy Coll, a resident of Arrington Hall, agreed.

"It's nice to offer gratification for her contributions by naming New Hall after her," Coll said.

According to Porter, New Hall was built in 1993, around the same time that South Hall and Alvey Hall—originally North Hall—were built.

Dan Ceo, Arrington Hall president and *Bullet* assistant photography editor, said he found out about the new name on the Thursday before the renaming, when Head Resident Jen Marland told him.

"It was just out of the blue and a little weird, but it's nice that were getting a name," Ceo said. "Alvey and Arrington go well together."

Junior Ann-Marie Williams, who will be the head resident of Arrington Hall next year, agreed.

"I think that Arrington Hall has a nice ring to it," Williams said. "It sounds prestigious. Thank God her last name was Arrington and not 'Stubbs.' I would not want to be the HR of Stubbs Hall."

"It's nice to have a building named for someone because everyone knows New's stigma, and maybe this will give a little spark to it," Williams said.

Arrington said she was delighted with the progress William Anderson has made in his tenure as president of the University.

"I'm just very proud of the advances that the college has made and I was delighted when we obtained university status," Arrington said. She said she looks forward to a future of Mary Washington being the top university, and when asked if she would continue giving, she said, "You bet."

"I love doing it because I love all of y'all," Arrington said.



Young Boy's Death Touches UMW And City

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"They called shortly after Matthew died and we had to make a decision quickly," Jean Bennett said. "So we went ahead and donated it."

According to Jean Bennett, several of Matthew's classmates attended the funeral. "One of the little girls brought me a flower," Jean Bennett said. "One of them laid a flower in the casket. His guitar teacher was there, he laid a guitar pick on [Matthew's] chest."

Matthew's classmates are dealing with

his death with the help of counselors.

"We have counselors here from all different schools that came here to help," Brooks said. "Children pull together a lot better than adults, they're adjusting well."

According to Sara Branner, public information supervisor for Spotsylvania County Schools, there are crisis teams in place for situations such as this.

"They're [at the school] throughout the day just in case a child needs something," Branner said. "The principal did a great job in dealing with this situation and we had a lot of support from other schools."

Comprehensive Fees To Pay For New Van

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purchasing, if the University wants to purchase anything over \$50,000 a competitive bid is the preferred method of purchasing.

The University purchased this bus under what is known as a "sole-source" bid, which means that there is only one product that meets the needs of the University, and only one place to buy it. Competition is not available in a sole source situation.

All sole-source procurements for non-technology goods and services over \$50,000 must be approved by Virginia's department of general services/division of purchases and supply to undergo what is supposed to be a strenuous examination to determine that no competition is available.

In the bid proposal, the University maintained that this bus had to be sole source because there was only one bus that met the qualifications needed but the University never stipulated what the bus's capabilities needed to be.

According to Drew, Peter Rigerterink, the former director of purchasing, wrote the University's bid for the bus.

Although the process was legal, the statewide contract officer for Virginia, Glenn Hinton wrote an e-mail to Rigerterink expressing concerns that "these [specifications] appear to be specific to the Eldorado bus and would eliminate legitimate competitors."

Competition was further limited for a bus because there is only one dealer of this particular kind which serves the Fredericksburg area: The Chesapeake Bus and Equipment Co. based in Gaithersburg, Md.

According to Drew, the purchasing department saves all documents associated with any bid in case someone wants to review the process. In the entire bid proposal there was no documentation of research into other possible busses that would have met the University's criteria.

All invitation for bids and request for proposals are public information and available

for viewing by anyone requesting to review the files.

There were no initial documents concerning exactly why the University needed a bus, nor why the University wanted this particular vehicle. Administrators in the University's purchasing department were not willing to comment on the justification of this purchase.

The proposal explains that the motivation to purchase the bus is that "it is the only bus that will exemplify the status of the University as well as provide the comfort and safety for the University president and dignitaries. There are no comparable products on the market."

The bid proposal says that there are no comparable products on the market—but did not include documentation of other products.

According to the bid proposal, the intended groups who can use the bus include the president, the board of visitors, UMW foundation board members, visiting dignitaries to the campus, members of the city council and members of the real estate foundation board of directors.

Ranny Corbin, executive assistant to the president, said the bus will be available for student use.

Corbin said the old BOV bus broke down two years ago, so this bus is a replacement and not a new expenditure.

According to Corbin, the bus—which will be about the size of a large FRED transportation bus—will be used primarily for transporting the BOV members to events, meetings and ceremonies as well as to and from the Best Western where they stay while visiting the University.

Corbin said that over the past two years, whenever board members required transportation, the students' escort bus was unable for use by the students.

According to President William Anderson, the students will have access to this new vehicle for field trips or other institutional purposes, as long as the board does not require it at the same time.

The Search Is On

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the next few days.

"Selecting a president is the most important duty a board has," Albertine said. "It can seek and wants to seek input from all the constituencies of the University community; the faculty, the students, the staff and even the larger Fredericksburg community."

Albertine and Kuhnle plan to hold public meetings during the month of April.

"We will be holding open meetings with students and faculty to listen to their comments and suggestions," Kuhnle said. "I would encourage everyone within the University to think about people who would be effective."

Student leaders plan to be active in the presidential search process.

"I plan on attending the meetings during the presidential search, because I believe that it is important for students to participate," said Benjamin-Josiah Huff, honor council president. "The president of the University has a large impact on the everyday lives of the students and has a lot to do with the schools' reputation."

According to Kuhnle, the open meeting will

allow students to suggest candidates as well as the qualities they want to see in the next president.

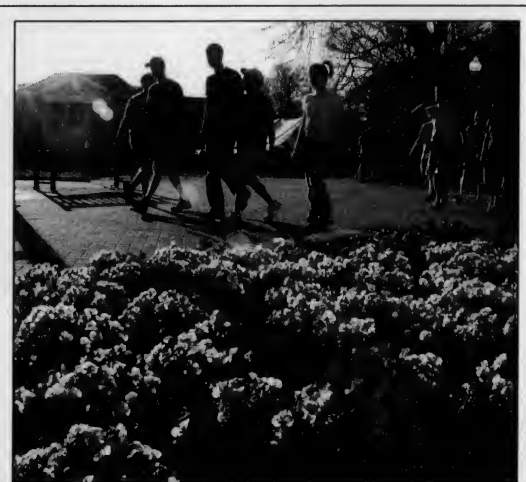
"All the information and suggestions we receive will be shared with the selection committee," Kuhnle said. "We will follow up every suggestion, all types of candidates from all types of backgrounds will be considered."

According to Kuhnle, the University will not suffer from lack of people applying for the position.

"Mary Washington should have a big applicant pool," Kuhnle said. "This should be an attractive position for a lot of candidates and we should have a strong candidate pool."

Kuhnle's resume boasts of assisting in the presidential selections of the University of Virginia, North Carolina State University and George Mason University, according to the press release.

After the selection of a presidential search committee and the compiling of suggestions and comments presented in the meetings, the selection committee will spend the summer developing the job criteria and will begin the actual presidential search next fall, according to Albertine.



Flower Power

Students stroll down campus walk Monday in the grace of the evening sun. High temperatures this week reached the mid-80s and should continue to be warm through next week.

Andrew Deci/Bullet

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Editorial Doin' It Well

The living wage coalition at the University of Mary Washington certainly knows how to ruffle feathers.

Unless you've been living under a rock, chances are you have witnessed a benefit concert, a rally, a letter to the editor or a flyer around campus.

While some may agree with the philosophy behind the living wage campaign and some may disagree, there's one thing we can all agree on: The living wage coalition just won't be quiet.

They've been noisy. Proponents of the living wage even brought up the idea to Ralph Nader during a conference for student leaders.

While it's getting on some people's nerves, one has to admire the coalition for its tireless efforts. Making oneself known and ceaselessly forwarding a cause is the method that civil-rights activists and women's-rights activists made things happen.

Parking Is Not Rocket Science

Ask almost any student at Mary Washington about parking, and chances are you'll get a negative response, filled with whining about \$100 parking tickets and the evil police officers.

Except it seems nobody knows the secret of not getting parking tickets.

And the secret is far from rocket science.

Don't park illegally.

If you're a residential student, park in your designated parking lots.

That means don't park in faculty spots and don't park on College Avenue. You won't get a ticket and you won't take parking spots away from people who are allowed to park there.

Yeah, it stinks to pay \$100 to register your car, but this is not a case of injustice and oppression that calls for civil disobedience.

In other words, cough up the money and get a sticker. If you fail to register your car and the police find out, you'll be in trouble. Follow the rules.

The most frequently cited argument against legally parking is that it's too long of a walk. In case you haven't noticed, Mary Washington's campus is long and narrow. If it was all in one big square, you would probably have less far to walk. But it's not.

If everyone follows the rules—if residents stay away from College Avenue, and give commuters their parking spots back—we'll all get less parking tickets.

At any rate, the weather is nice. Park legally, enjoy the walk, and quit whining.



Students fighting for a living wage at UMW protest in front of George Washington Hall.

Courtesy: worldsround.com

Workers Need Living Wage

Responding To Administration's E-Mail, Student Claims A Living Wage Is Possible

By **PATRICK MCGOWAN**
Guest Columnist

As reported in last week's *Bullet*, two weeks ago on March 23, the administration of Georgetown University caved to the demands of the school's living wage coalition and implemented a living wage policy.

This victory followed an eight-day hunger strike in protest of the administration's failure to meet demands during which 26 students lost a collective 207 pounds and gained national media attention.

The living wage coalition here at UMW certainly took notice; students and workers became increasingly energized, buzzing about the wage increase and the possibility of Georgetown's win setting off a chain reaction of living wage implementations at colleges across the state.

The timing seemed perfect since we were already planning for tomorrow's rally.

The coalition, however, was not the only group to take notice.

One day after major news media reported Georgetown's victory, all UMW students received an e-mail from Richard Hurley, the executive vice president of the university.

The e-mail carried the subject "UMW and the Living Wage" and had one major message: Without approval from the General Assembly, the administration cannot implement a living wage; their hands are tied.

It seems clear that the victory at Georgetown started and threatened the administration here; suddenly, one of their members who had never before openly acknowledged the presence or demands of the living wage coalition felt it

necessary to explain to all students why efforts directed towards the administration were futile.

The administration's claim that its hands are tied is a half-truth at best. It has not deterred our movement in the past and it will not now. It may be true that, as UMW is a public school, without approval from the General Assembly the administration cannot implement a living wage policy like Georgetown's, which will guarantee a living wage for years to come.

However, living wage campaigns at the University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary, both public, have been successful at winning their demanded wage without approval from the General Assembly.

This administration is not so different from each of these schools as to have no authority in increasing wages.

Furthermore, UMW's administration only claims that the General Assembly should be the focus of the coalition's efforts to deter us and remove themselves from the spotlight.

Despite Hurley's claim that the administration "shares the concerns expressed by the campus community for our classified employees," the administration has not committed itself to cooperating with the living wage coalition to approach and work with the General Assembly and they have shown no concern for or understanding of the issue of the working poor here at UMW.

The administration could, for instance, establish an official living wage committee composed of half administration members, half worker, student, and faculty coalition members

to meet regularly and investigate the root of wage problems and possible solutions.

To date the administration has not responded to requests from the living wage coalition to do so.

When Ralph Nader visited the school to lecture last Friday, he took the time to meet with a small group of student activists, several of whom are active members of the living wage coalition.

We took this opportunity to ask him what he thinks a logical next step would be for the coalition here at UMW.

When we told him the administration has told us to address the General Assembly on the matter, he laughed and jokingly told us that if we relied on the General Assembly to settle the matter, we had better plan on being students here for many years to come—this is, after all, a state that has accepted the meager federal minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour.

Progress will be made in this campaign only by maintaining constant and increasing pressure on the administration.

The administration has simply tried to shift the blame and the spotlight off of themselves and onto the General Assembly without taking any steps towards a livable wage.

The living wage coalition and all in support must maintain pressure on the administration to do everything in its power to bring a just wage to all workers or no change will occur.

This Friday, workers, students, and faculty will rally in front of George Washington Hall in support of the implementation of a living wage for all employees of UMW. A thousand people have already signed a petition to the General Assembly demanding adequate funding for a living wage at Mary Washington; imagine the statement we could make if half of those people were present Friday.

It's time for the University administration to stand up and join us in this fight.

Patrick McGowan is a junior.

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Pawsitively Perfect

Local Artists Construct Creative Critters

By **NIKI LARSON**
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Susan Hernandez found herself immersed in American history when she moved to Fredericksburg from San Antonio, Texas two years ago.

So, to honor the city's historical charm, she's painting a statue of a dog.

For the first time, on May 6, a committee of members from four Fredericksburg non-profit organizations—the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation Inc., SPCA of Fredericksburg, Downtown Retail Marketing Inc., and the Fredericksburg Rotary Club—will kick-off "Pawsitively Fredericksburg!" On this day, 41 fiberglass dog and cat statues will litter the streets of downtown.

Each statue will carry a different theme. Hernandez's statue, named "Paws to Reflect," has a patriotic theme—the most appropriate for Fredericksburg, she said.

"He's going to be awesome," said Hernandez, who is a local artist in town. "I've never finished a 3-D sculpture before, so this is fun and new."

Using red, white and blue paint, mirrored mosaic tile, adhesive and grout, Hernandez created the Fredericksburg skyline on the mid-section of the dog. The skyline, which overlooks the Rappahannock River and focalizes St. George's Episcopal church, is stylized from W.K. Russell's 19th-century sketch.

BB&T Bank on George Street sponsored Hernandez's statue—the head and tail of which are midnight blue with white stars outlined in gold.

Hernandez, who has displayed her works in art shows everywhere from Alaska to Puerto Rico, said she will have all of the finishing touches done by the artists' April 15 deadline.

According to Sandy Staley, an 18-year board member of the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation Inc. and creator of the event, cities all over the nation have participated in events like "Pawsitively Fredericksburg!" She said, in the past, life-size cows graced the streets of Chicago,

Florida was adorned with pigs, fish decorated Richmond and last year D.C. welcomed pandas.

After attending an event in Pinehurst, North Carolina last spring, entitled "Dog Days of Pinehurst," Staley thought Fredericksburg could put on a similar event with a dog and cat theme.

She brought the idea to Sue Henderson, now event director of "Pawsitively Fredericksburg!" who formed a coalition between the four non-profit organizations.

The event entered its planning stages last October.

Local artists Betsy Glassie and Cathy Herndon constructed prototypes for the event.

Glassie, who has a studio at LibertyTown Arts Workshop on Liberty Street, said she worked on her cat statue for about a month.

When she finished, the fiberglass feline was covered in painted poppies and topped off with a planter on its head.

Herndon's designed her dog like the FRED bus and painted scenes of Fredericksburg, said Dan Finnegan, owner of LibertyTown.

This January, 57 local artists submitted 62 statue designs. But the organizations could only accept 41 since only 41 local businesses agreed to sponsor the event.

Finnegan said, for the most part, the selected statues will be placed in front of the shops that sponsored them.

Staley thought an unusual event like this would attract both Fredericksburg residents and those from other communities.

"They will be really great," she said. "I think it will bring a lot of people downtown."

The names of the statues alone are enough to attract interest.

Staley said the list of works includes "Picasso," "Clawber, E. Lee," "Watchdog," "Let Sleeping Dogs Lie," "Wolf Down A Good Book" and "Catfish."

While sponsors fund the event, the cost to sponsor one of these critters ranges from \$750 to \$5,000, the organizations will reap profit when the statues are auctioned off in September, according to event director Henderson.

For Henderson, this event will benefit many people.

She said the statues will provide individual



Courtesy Susan Hernandez

Local artist Susan Hernandez poses with the dog statue that she will decorate. The statues will be displayed downtown starting May 6.

sponsors with visible marketing for their business throughout the summer. It also will give artists a chance to highlight their work, the organizations will obtain the proceeds, and the community will experience a lively art exhibit.

"It's totally a win, win, win situation," Henderson said.

But why the cat and dog theme?

"Fredericksburg is a very pet-friendly town and clearly we have a very active pro-animal community here," Henderson said.

The other reason was size.

"We can't have full-size cows and winged

horses," she said. "There's just no space for it." But overall, Henderson is excited for the event, especially the diversity among the artists.

This year local artists of all ages participated, including a 12-year-old.

Mother and son, Patty and Peter Ormsby, decided to participate in the event when they heard the SPCA was involved.

"I had heard about it, and we're big community supporters," said Patty, who is a Fredericksburg resident. "All of our animals are

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Hayley Amey / Bullet

Sophomore Kathleen Colduvell and junior Maggie Toolin donated their hair to Locks of Love.

Hair Today Gone Tomorrow

Students Give To Locks of Love

By **KATHLEEN COLDUVELL**
Staff Writer

Three weeks ago I went home to Pennsylvania with one intention. I was going to cut off a foot of my hair. I sat down with my normal hairdresser Kathy at her salon in Philadelphia and told her my intentions.

She stared at me like I was the craziest person in the world. Granted, I had cut my hair short numerous times in my life—including right before my high school senior prom which was not the best idea—but nothing this drastic.

She took the ruler I brought and carefully measured the 12 very long inches. She loosely tied my hair back and

then she cut and cut and kept cutting. She handed me a bundle of hair and I started crying.

Even though at the time I was really upset, I knew that through the organization Locks of Love, my hair would help a child in desperate need of a wig. Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

Most of the children that they help suffer from alopecia areata, which has no cure or cause. They also help kids undergoing treatment for cancer. The hair the

organization provides helps restore confidence and self-esteem to the children.

According to the National Alopecia Areata Foundation, it is a highly unpredictable autoimmune skin disease that results in the loss of hair on the scalp and elsewhere on the body. It affects approximately 1.7 percent of the population overall, including more than 4.7 million people in the United States.

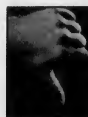
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Local Artists Construct Creative Critters

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Susan Hernandez found herself immersed in American history when she moved to Fredericksburg from San Antonio, Texas two years ago.

So, to honor the city's historical charm, she's painting a statue of a dog.

For the first time, on May 6, a committee of members from four Fredericksburg non-profit organizations—the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation Inc., SPCA of Fredericksburg, Downtown Retail Marketing Inc., and the Fredericksburg Rotary Club—will kick-off "Pawsitively Fredericksburg!" On this day, 41 fiberglass dog and cat statues will litter the streets of downtown.

Each statue will carry a different theme. Hernandez's statue, named "Paws to Reflect," has a patriotic theme—the most appropriate for Fredericksburg, she said.

"He's going to be awesome," said Hernandez, who is a local artist in town. "I've never finished a 3-D sculpture before, so this is fun and new."

Using red, white and blue paint, mirrored mosaic tile, adhesive and grout, Hernandez created the Fredericksburg skyline on the mid-section of the dog. The skyline, which overlooks the Rappahannock River and focalizes St. George's Episcopal church, is stylized from W.K. Russell's 19th-century sketch.

BB&T Bank on George Street sponsored Hernandez's statue—the head and tail of which are midnight blue with white stars outlined in gold.

Hernandez, who has displayed her works in art shows everywhere from Alaska to Puerto Rico, said she will have all of the finishing touches done by the artists' April 15 deadline.

According to Sandy Staley, an 18-year board member of the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation Inc. and creator of the event, cities all over the nation have participated in events like "Pawsitively Fredericksburg!" She said, in the past, life-size cows graced the streets of Chicago,

Florida was adorned with pigs, fish decorated Richmond and last year D.C. welcomed pandas.

After attending an event in Pinchurst, North Carolina last spring, entitled "Dog Days of Pinchurst," Staley thought Fredericksburg could put on a similar event with a dog and cat theme.

She brought the idea to Sue Henderson, now event director of "Pawsitively Fredericksburg!" who formed a coalition between the four non-profit organizations.

The event entered its planning stages last October.

Local artists Betsy Glassie and Cathy Herndon constructed prototypes for the event.

Glassie, who has a studio at LibertyTown Arts Workshop on Liberty Street, said she worked on her cat statue for about a month.

When she finished, the fiberglass feline was covered in painted poppies and topped off with a planter on its head.

Herndon's designed her dog like the FRED bus and painted scenes of Fredericksburg, said Dan Finnegan, owner of LibertyTown.

This January, 57 local artists submitted 62 statue designs. But the organizations could only accept 41 since only 41 local businesses agreed to sponsor the event.

Finnegan said, for the most part, the selected statues will be placed in front of the shops that sponsored them.

Staley thought an unusual event like this would attract both Fredericksburg residents and those from other communities.

"They will be really great," she said. "I think it will bring a lot of people downtown."

The names of the statues alone are enough to attract interest.

Staley said the list of works includes "Pricatso," "Clawber E. Lee," "Watchdog," "Let Sleeping Dogs Lie," "Wolf Down A Good Book" and "Catfish."

While sponsors fund the event, the cost to sponsor one of these critters ranges from \$750 to \$5,000, the organizations will reap profit when the statues are auctioned off in September, according to event director Henderson.

For Henderson, this event will benefit many people.

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Local artist Susan Hernandez poses with the dog statue that she will decorate. The statues will be displayed downtown starting May 6.

sponsors with visible marketing for their business throughout the summer. It also will give artists a chance to highlight their work, the organizations will obtain the proceeds, and the community will experience a lively art exhibit.

"It's totally a win, win, win situation," Henderson said.

But why the cat and dog theme? "Fredericksburg is a very pet-friendly town and clearly we have a very active pro-animal community here," Henderson said.

The other reason was size. "We can't have full-size cows and winged

horses," she said. "There's just no space for it."

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Three weeks ago I went home to Pennsylvania with one intention. I was going to cut off a foot of my hair. I sat down with my normal hairdresser Kathy at her salon in Philadelphia and told her my intentions.

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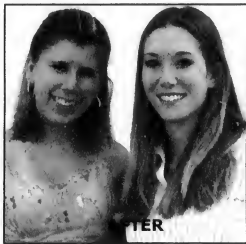
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Students who venture out to the Underground on the evening of Saturday, April 9 will be excited to discover that this is not the case. Bella Morte presents a unique blend of punk, synthpop, goth and metal that will appeal to a wide range of listeners, and their dynamic performance style is sure to keep the audience's attention.

The band is excited to play in Fredericksburg for the first time. "A lot of the times the smaller-town gigs are a whole lot of fun because they're so much more up close and personal," said lead singer Andy Deane in a phone interview.

Although the band loves the thrill of playing in front of large crowds, they appreciate a smaller crowd just as much.

"We played at this tiny little place in Wichita called Pervy's Beer Store," recalled Deane. "Its capacity was like 50 people—and that included us. There was no stage or anything, it was just totally thrown together and we had a blast. You just kind of take every situation and enjoy it for what it is while you're there."

Deane and bassist Gopal Metro formed Bella Morte in 1996, and since then they have added a guitarist, a keyboardist, and most recently a drummer. The band has toured hundreds of cities across Europe and North America.

Bella Morte is proud of its diverse fan base.

"Our crowd varies from region to region of the country," said Deane. "Up in Ithaca, New York, we've got a real big following with the skater scene. We've got, of course, a lot of fans in the punk scene, metal scene, goth scene, and there's just a lot of fans of rock 'n' roll that come out to the shows," he said.

The band's versatility has been both a weak point and strong point throughout the years.

"That's one of the things we've had trouble with our whole career, trying to find a tag to put on our music, but it's kind of more to our benefit," Deane said. "Like I said, everywhere we go there

are different kinds of fans. But I think that definitely the base of it all is, you know, rock. It is rock music."

Deane cited a wide range of inspirations.

"When I first got into underground music, it was metal and punk rock and later on some goth and stuff like that. All of those influences are there, but I don't think it would be fair to put one tag on us," Deane said.

Bella Morte's record label, Metropolis Records, describes the band's latest album, "Songs for the Dead," as nostalgic of 1980s punk and death rock.

According to a review on the record

label's Web site, "this guitar-fueled EP features plenty of fist pounding chants and fast paced drum beats reminiscent of a sound that has been lost for nearly two decades and proves triumphant amidst the monotonous wasteland of present day pop punk."

Saturday night will witness the premier of Bella Morte's new drummer, Clay Caricofe. The addition of a drummer to the band reveals their movement toward a somewhat different sound than what fans are used to.

According to the band's Web site, bellamorte.com, the band "continues to delve into new musical territory, leaving behind the electrical-laden sound of their typical recordings for a harder, more rock-oriented vibe."

Bella Morte's musical versatility is reflected in the band members' outside projects. Deane is currently working on his first novel. Metro creates artistic and functional metalwork. Keyboardist Micah Conslan has a side project of electronic music, while Gajtarist Tony Lechmanski plays for an "old-timey rock 'n' roll/country band," according to Deane.

However, the overriding focus for all of them is still Bella Morte.

"What we're working on hard right now is crossing over—not stylistically but getting our music into the hands of a more



Courtesy bellamorte.com

Goth-hardcore band Bella Morte will play at the Underground on April 9.

mainstream audience. The sticky part about that is we're not willing to change our sound to do it," Deane said.

Upcoming tour dates include the NYC Goth Rock Festival and a stop at the Warped Tour in Virginia Beach.

The doors open at 7:30 p.m., with the Bad Luck Idols, a college-rock band made up entirely of Mary Washington students, starting off the set. Bella Morte will go on around 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for non-students. They can be bought in front of the Eagles Nest the week before the show, or at the door. Due to fire code restrictions within the Underground, only 100 tickets will be sold.

"This is going to be the first time, that I'm aware of, in the station's history that we've ever put on our own show where we've brought a big-name band to campus," said senior Bob McGeorge, general manager of WMWC, the student-run radio station.

WMWC plans to donate a portion of the proceeds to the James Farmer Multicultural Center.

McGeorge cited a recent editorial in *The Bulletin* as inspiration for the donation.

"It was kind of one of those put up or shut up about diversity things," he said. "We sort of saw this as an avenue where we could help contribute to multicultural awareness."

Bella Morte
Saturday, April 9
The Underground
\$3 UMW students,
\$5 non-students
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p.m.

PRISM Drags Out The Dresses



By KATHLEEN COLDUVELL
Staff Writer

This year at the annual PRISM Drag Show, which is put on with help from the office of student activities and community service, nine acts will perform "YMCA," "Macho Man" and even songs by Britney Spears. These acts will be competing for the top prize of \$150 as well as the title of champion of the University of Mary Washington Drag Show.

According to PRISM President Ashleigh Dewitt, each participant prepares two numbers to sing and dance to in front of a panel of judges and peers. Each group first performs one song and the judges eliminate the field to five acts. The remaining acts present their second number and the winner is decided.

One major difference from last year is that there will be judges for the first time ever.

"Last year, we just went by audience enthusiasm, and that's pretty hard to determine, so we decided on a panel of judges this year in order to be more fair and make sure the best person wins," said Emily Guise, a junior art history major.

All participants agree that this allows for a better competition overall because now it is not about appealing to just the audience, but, more importantly, impressing the judges.

Another improvement for the show was the number of acts that entered. Last year there were only five competing for the top three prizes. Second place receives \$100, while third wins \$50.

PRISM also will be bringing a "professional" drag queen or king. Dewitt is not sure who it will be this year but last year, now fifth-year senior Phil Seidman performed for a large crowd of students and friends. This year, his fifth and final time, he is performing as the character Juniper. According to Seidman his shows also include some sort of surprise and this year will be no exception.

"My favorite moment is being on stage in the middle of a number, looking across the crowd, and seeing that everyone is into what I'm doing and having a great time being a part of it,"

Seidman said.

This year he will be competing to a mix of several songs, a mix between pop and musical theater, along with sophomores Natasha

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Andrew Decci/Bullet

"A Company of Wayward Saints" opens this week. For full story, see page 7.

PRISM Drag Show

Saturday, April 9
Great Hall
7 to 10 p.m.
\$2
Tickets are on sale
Thursday and Friday in
the Eagles Nest



New CDs This Week

The Rolling Stones: "Made in the Shade"
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1. "Sin City"



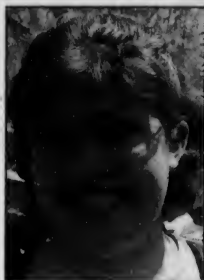
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3. "Guess Who"

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"I like it. It was easy."

--Ashley Shuman,
Sophomore



"It's not efficient."

--Emily McMullen,
Junior



"I was lucky to get coaching."

--Sara Byrd,
Sophomore



"I like the multiple call number boxes."

--Ben Dogget,
Sophomore



"Fairly similar, not as cut and dried."

--Carrie Walpole,
Sophomore

"Saints" Marches to UMW

By STEFANIE SKY
Staff Writer

Ruffiana, a character in the play "A Company of Wayward Saints" has huge soccer balls for a chest, literally, and is just one of many comical characters that can be seen in this year's spring play at the University of Mary Washington.

"A Company of Wayward Saints" by George Hermann is a commedia dell'arte play, a form of theater that originated in Italy with characters that dress like a stereotype and use masks and costumes to accentuate those stereotypes.

Mary Washington has four plays a year. This play was chosen because it is one of very few commedia dell'arte plays still in existence.

"It's a different kind of theater for us to experiment with," said senior Christy Shutt, communications assistant for the department of theater and dance. "We try to end the seasons with a comedy and something people can enjoy."

The play is about a company of commedia dell'arte players that have become sick of each other, are exhausted and just want to go home but don't have the money to. A nobleman that they meet offers to pay their way home if they perform a play that pleases him.

The players rediscover their love for one another throughout the creation of their last performance.

This play has been enjoyed by many people for decades. "It [was] the tenth most produced play in the '70s," Shutt said. "A lot of colleges have been putting it on for a while as well as professional theaters."

"A Company of Wayward Saints," directed by Jill Mitten, the newest member of faculty according to sophomore Peter Larson, stage manager for the play, will be performed by nine students from UMW.

"This is all us putting it on," Shutt said. "All the plays we do here are students with our own design teams."

According to Larson, the students were able to do a lot of things with the show and added their own touches to how the show will be presented to the audience.

"During the design and production of the play people threw ideas out and came to an agreement of what we were going to do with the play," Larson said. "Friendship and loyalty are important aspects of the play we tried to bring out."

As the stage manager, Larson facilitates all rehearsals, deals with communications between designers and holds all production and design meetings. It was through these meetings that the team was able to put their own twist on the play.

Larson was the assistant stage manager with the play "To Gillian on her 37th Birthday" and "Kindertransport," and was also an actor in "Antigone," playing the role of Creon.

"I was excited when I found out it was the play I was going to be the stage manager for," Larson said.

All plays have something to say about the human condition according to senior Carolyn Myers, a box office assistant and an actress in the spring play. "We're a company and we teach the audience to value friendship and to work together," Myers said.

Myers, who also acted in "A Midsummer's Night Dream" her sophomore year and in "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" her junior year, is really excited about this "visually pleasing" performance.

"Our stage is a giant wagon that unfolds into another stage which is awesome," Myers said. "And our costumes and masks are amazing."

Speaking of costumes, Myers plays the character Ruffiana, soccer balls and all.

"It's a little difficult, I have to accommodate a lot," she said. "I can't cross my arms and I can't even see my feet, they're huge."

Assistant professor Kevin McCluskey designs the costumes for the main stage shows. Along with elaborate costumes, each character has a mask to help accentuate their character.

"There's a lot of interesting character choices and it's cool to see how other actors have developed the characters," said Myers. The masks have set expressions, so the actors can't express emotions with their faces; they have to do it with their bodies.

There is a cartoonist aspect to this play which will make the audience laugh. There is a dramatic affect to the play when the actors take off their masks.

Larson is very excited about this production and feels that with all the exciting designs that the play has going for it, and how the costume, set, and lights has come together that this will be an amazing performance.

"A Company of Wayward Saints"

April 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m.

April 10 and 17 at 2 p.m.

Klein Theatre

\$10 standard admission

\$8 students, senior citizens

\$4 UMW students

For information, call (540) 654-1124

Drag Queens, Kings Benefit Gay And Lesbian Activist Organizations

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Kowalchuk; Alex Lindemann; Tierney Plumb, Bulletin assistant features editor; and Jenni Moore as his back-up dancers.

"We are really excited for the show. Phil told us we can't be more beautiful than him. [It] should be very interesting," Kowalchuk said.

Guise started planning for this event in November. With a budget of only \$1000 and earning nothing from it, she had to budget everything from the decorations to the posters. To help spread some of the work she organized the first ever drag show committee.

"I headed up a committee to help organize it and that's worked out very well. My committee

members are a great group of people and very dedicated," Guise said.

All of the money that is raised as a result of the show is donated to an organization that fights for gay and lesbian rights. Last year according to Guise close to \$900 was donated to Lambda Legal, which was the law firm that overturned the sodomy laws in Texas. This year PRISM is donating the entire profit of the drag show to the local gay activist organization Parents and Friends of Gay and Lesbians.

"It is a really good time and there is a great response from the students," Dewitt said. "We hope to see a lot of students there this year to support the manly girls and girly guys."

Highlights From The Show



Clockwise from top: Gavin DeGraw and his band harmonize around the keys, Jem's soulful vocals entranced the audience, Michael Tolcher's acoustic crooning elicited screams from female fans. The show on Monday drew a crowd of approximately 1100 people.



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While many claim she was killed while walking to school, the truth is she was killed after trespassing into a clearly demarcated, barb-wired Israeli military zone.

It is well known among the Palestinians that anyone crossing into the military zone will be shot on sight, but she entered anyway.

Furthermore, the military zone she had trespassed into was not on her way to school at all, but almost the opposite direction from it (her school is slightly northeast of her house, the Girit Outpost is due south).

After entering the zone, she began to run toward a building, and the soldiers logically assumed she was carrying explosives in her backpack.

Despite fearing for their own lives, audio and video recordings of the event show that the soldiers fired warning shots, which she ignored. Only then did they kill her, confirming the kill in case she had a remote detonator which could be used to detonate the explosives which were believed to be in her backpack.

To this day, no one has explained her bizarre behavior, although the soldiers were under attack at the time, so it has been theorized that terrorists may have sent her as a decoy to distract the soldiers they were firing on. This is another example of why it is so important to demand context when hearing of allegations of Israeli human rights abuses.

Joseph Katz is a junior.

In My Own Defense

This letter was written in response to "Terrorists To Blame" (March 31, 2004, *The Bulletin*).

Dear Editor:

I was surprised to read Joseph Katz's description of our brief encounter following my speech at Mary Washington University on March 22.

After I had delivered my speech and answered questions from the audience, Katz came up to ask a question about incitement against Israel as allegedly contained in Palestinian textbooks. I responded to Katz that the Palestinian Authority has undertaken a major revision of their schoolbooks and removed all inciteful language against Israel and against Jews.

One study done by reputable Israeli academicians and another funded by the U.S. department of state of the new schoolbooks verified that such language is no longer contained in the textbooks. Katz asked another question about incitement in the Palestinian media, to which I responded that Israeli leaders have acknowledged publicly that there has been a marked decline in such incitement since Mahmoud Abbas was elected President of the Palestinian Authority on Jan. 9, 2005. Some Israelis and the Palestinians, however, contain to use inflammatory language against each other.

This was the sum total of my exchange with Katz. Our brief exchange was at all times polite, marked by an exchange of viewpoints and information.

I have no idea how Mr. Katz could have concluded otherwise or could believe that there was any anger expressed in our conversation.

Edward Abington is the former U.S. consul general to Jerusalem.

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Women's History Month Is A Bad Idea

By **MAGGIE O'TOOLE**
Guest Columnist

Like 70 percent of the student body here at Mary Wash, I am a female. I am a female, but I am not a feminist.

Do not misunderstand. I vote. I attended co-ed school. I hold a better paying job than any similarly aged male I know, and, for the last five years I have seen to it that females were given prime leadership positions—where deserved—in the military youth organization in which I participate, a unit with three times as many boys as girls. But let me emphasize: I am not a feminist.

I am not a feminist because feminism underscores the differences between genders instead of overlooking them. I am not a

feminist because feminism, by pointing out the ways in which men and women are equal, causes people to consider also the ways in which they are not.

I am not a feminist because I understand that things like women's history month cause men to roll their eyes and grit their teeth and tolerate the idiosyncrasies of the opposite gender instead of accepting them unthinkingly.

I am not a feminist because in mind and body and deed I can make my mark on history and I never needed a burning bra or women's history month to tell me that.

Some men are better than I. So are some women. It is not the gender that defines a great person, or even what one does with or in spite of that gender. What makes a great person is what they do with their life.

A human life and its impact on the world—

to single out gender for acclaim is to express surprise that that gender succeeded. Women's History Month does more damage to the female cause, if such a thing exists, than it gives aid.

A few women have been necessary to change fundamental wrongs—voting rights, for example. But it is the women who just went out and got a job who made a difference for females in the workforce. It is the women who just work hard and make rank who make a difference for females in the military.

You won't always hear their names shouted from the rooftops in women's history lectures, and you won't read their names on militant fliers anywhere on campus, because they lived and worked and succeeded and did it all without considering for a moment that they were somewhere they as women should not be.

To all those who think Women's History Month a necessary event—you only make others tired of your cause.

You hurt women's chances more by creating

a stereotype others can apply to us than any single man's bias ever could.

So, all you self-styled feminists—put your bras back on. The time you spend printing fliers could be spent making a difference to those whose greatest trouble is something more serious than the occasional construction worker's wolf whistle, and there is discrimination in this world, of gender and of many other things, greater than that which you see around you now.

Go out. Get a job. Give to charity. Save a life. Write the great American novel. Win a Nobel prize. Build a better mousetrap.

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Where's The Respect?

This letter was written in response to "Russell Ramp To Cause \$200,000," March 31, 2005, *The Bulletin*.

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I am beginning to think that quite a few students on this campus have no regard for their own or other's personal safety and have a complete lack respect for the people who try to keep them safe. Not to mention a lack of common sense.

The recent article concerning the renovation of Russell ramp was a perfect example of this. In the article it was made clear that temporary barriers specifically set up to prevent injuries were removed and "thrown" out of the way. The students didn't care that the bricks were falling into their pathway, they just stepped over them anyway instead of walking a whole 50 feet to walk up Marshall Hill. Are people really that lazy?

Someone needs to set a good example here. You are in college now. You are not children anymore. If someone tells you

something is unsafe then you should trust them and avoid it. Do not make a joke out of it and pretend it's not there. I know it is cliché to say "It's all fun and games till someone gets hurt," but it is true.

Work like this isn't done to inconvenience you or to annoy you, it's done so that you, as students, stay safe.

Removing things like barriers or ignoring signs that inform people that something is unsafe is not only irresponsible on the part of the individual but prevents others from having the knowledge of the danger and in turn is putting them in danger as well.

Next time something like this comes up, just think how you would feel if you walked somewhere unsafe without knowing it and got hurt because someone removed a sign. Please be respectful of your fellow classmates and the UMW workers that are here to keep you safe. They have your best interest at heart.

Lauren Carter is UMW alumna and a UMW Facilities Services employee.

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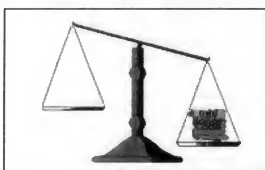
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In addition, the Israelis were willing to solve the Palestinian refugee problem created by Arab states in 1948 by resettling a small number of Palestinians within Israel and offering a \$30 billion aid package to the remaining refugees. Yasser Arafat rejected the offer without giving an explanation or a counteroffer, and within a month the Israelis began to suffer a wave of terror previously unknown to them.

The last point of the column which must be addressed is the death of Iman al-Hams. While her death was tragic, some perspective is necessary.

While many claim she was killed while walking to school, the truth is she was killed after trespassing into a clearly demarcated, barb-wired Israeli military zone.

It is well known among the Palestinians that anyone crossing into the military zone will be shot on sight, but she entered anyway.

Furthermore, the military zone she had trespassed into was not on her way to school at all, but almost the opposite direction from it (her school is slightly northeast of her house, the Girit Outpost is due south).

After entering the zone, she began to run toward a building, and the soldiers logically assumed she was carrying explosives in her backpack.

Despite fearing for their own lives, audio and video recordings of the event show that the soldiers fired warning shots, which she ignored. Only then did they kill her, confirming the kill in case she had a remote detonator which could be used to detonate the explosives which were believed to be in her backpack.

To this day, no one has explained her bizarre behavior, although the soldiers were under attack at the time, so it has been theorized that terrorists may have sent her as a decoy to distract the soldiers they were firing on. This is another example of why it is so important to demand context when hearing of allegations of Israeli human rights abuses.

Joseph Katz is a junior.

In My Own Defense

This letter was written in response to "Terrorists To Blame" (March 31, 2004, *The Bulletin*).

Dear Editor:

I was surprised to read Joseph Katz's description of our brief encounter following my speech at Mary Washington University on March 22.

After I had delivered my speech and answered questions from the audience, Katz came up to ask a question about incitement against Israel as I responded to Katz that the Palestinian Authority has undertaken a major revision of their schoolbooks and removed all inciteful language against Israel and against Jews.

One study done by reputable Israeli academicians and another funded by the U.S. department of state of the new schoolbooks verified that such language is no longer contained in the textbooks. Katz asked another question about incitement in the Palestinian media, to which I responded that Israeli leaders have acknowledged publicly that there has been a marked decline in such incitement since Mahmoud Abbas was elected President of the Palestinian Authority on Jan. 9, 2005. Some Israelis and the Palestinians, however, contain to use inflammatory language against each other.

This was the sum total of my exchange with Katz. Our brief exchange was at all times polite, marked by an exchange of viewpoints and information. I have no idea how Mr. Katz could have concluded otherwise or could believe that there was any anger expressed in our conversation.

Edward Abington is the former U.S. consul general to Jerusalem.

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Women's History Month Is A Bad Idea

By **MAGGIE O'TOOLE**
Guest Columnist

Like 70 percent of the student body here at Mary Wash, I am a female. I am a female, but I am not a feminist.

Do not misunderstand. I vote. I attended co-ed school. I hold a better paying job than any similarly aged male I know, and, for the last five years I have seen to it that females were given prime leadership positions—where deserved—in the military youth organization in which I participate, a unit with three times as many boys as girls. But let me emphasize: I am not a feminist.

I am not a feminist because feminism underscores the differences between genders instead of overlooking them. I am not a

feminist because feminism, by pointing out the ways in which men and women are equal, causes people to consider also the ways in which they are not.

I am not a feminist because I understand that things like women's history month cause men to roll their eyes and grit their teeth and tolerate the idiosyncrasies of the opposite gender instead of accepting them unthinkingly.

I am not a feminist because in mind and body and deed I can make my mark on history and I never needed a burning bra or women's history month to tell me that.

Some men are better than I. So are some women. It is not the gender that defines a great person, or even

what one does with or in spite of that gender. What makes a great person is what they do with their life.

A human life and its impact on the world—

to single out gender for acclaim is to express surprise that that gender succeeded. Women's History Month does more damage to the female cause, if such a thing exists, than it gives aid.

A few women have been necessary to change fundamental wrongs—voting rights, for example. But it is the women who just went out and got a job who made a difference for females in the workforce. It is the women who just work hard and make rank who make a difference for females in the military.

You won't always hear their names shouted from the rooftops in women's history lectures, and you won't read their names on militant fliers anywhere on campus, because they lived and worked and succeeded and did it all without considering for a moment that they were somewhere they as women should not be.

To all those who think Women's History Month a necessary event—you only make others tired of your cause.

You hurt women's chances more by creating

a stereotype others can apply to us than any single man's bias ever could.

So, all you self-styled feminists—put your

bras back on. The time you spend printing fliers could be spent making a difference to those whose greatest trouble is something more serious than the occasional construction worker's wolf whistle, and there is discrimination in this world, of gender and of many other things, greater than that which you see around you now.

Go out. Get a job. Give to charity. Save a life. Write the great American novel. Win a Nobel prize. Build a better mousetrap.

In short, live your life and live it well, and prove by your actions that there is no reason to be surprised when women make an impact on history.

Maggie O'Toole is a freshman.



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Where's The Respect?

This letter was written in response to "Russell Ramp To Cause \$200,000," March 31, 2005, *The Bulletin*.

Dear Editor:

I am beginning to think that quite a few students on this campus have no regard for their own or other's personal safety and have a complete lack respect for the people who try to keep them safe. Not to mention a lack of common sense.

The recent article concerning the renovation of Russell ramp was a perfect example of this. In the article it was made clear that temporary barriers specifically set up to prevent injuries were removed and "thrown" out of the way. The students didn't care that the bricks were falling into their pathway, they just stepped over them anyway instead of walking a whole 50 feet to walk up Marshall Hill. Are people really that lazy?

Someone needs to set a good example here. You are in college now. You are not children anymore. If someone tells you

something is unsafe then you should trust them and avoid it. Do not make a joke out of it and pretend it's not there. I know it is cliché to say "It's all fun and games till someone gets hurt," but it is true.

Work like this isn't done to inconvenience you or to annoy you, it's done so that you, as students, stay safe.

Removing things like barriers or ignoring signs that inform people that something is unsafe is not only irresponsible on the part of the individual but prevents others from having the knowledge of the danger and in turn is putting them in danger as well.

Next time something like this comes up, just think how you would feel if you walked somewhere unsafe without knowing it and got hurt because someone removed a sign. Please be respectful of your fellow classmates and the UMW workers that are here to keep you safe. They have your best interest at heart.

Lauren Carter is UMW alumna and a UMW Facilities Services employee.

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News



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Ralph Nader, consumer advocate and presidential candidate from 1996-2004 converses with students before his speech.

Nader Speaks To UMW

By COREY BYERS
News Editor

Despite visiting the University of Mary Washington this April Fools' Day, former presidential candidate and consumer advocate Ralph Nader told few jokes during his address to a packed house in Dodd Auditorium.

Nader was one of three keynote speakers for the academic conference entitled "The Arrogance of Power: Being American After 9/11," which was coordinated by Joseph Romero, an assistant professor of classics, religion and philosophy.

Nader began his address by discussing the U.S. government's reaction to the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"What does it mean to be American after 9/11? Let's answer it in a variety of ways," he said. "It means it's time to wake up, we got a wak-up call on 9/11 far more by the reaction by our government to 9/11 than the attack itself. The attacks itself obviously precipitated the reaction. But the reaction was so overwrought for a variety of reasons that the terrorists that are left in Al-Qaida can be seen wondering how in the world

could the most powerful country in the world freak out and distorted its priorities and suffer almost a nervous breakdown and become willing to give up its liberties and freedoms."

He criticized decisions by the government to "assign weapons away from life saving necessities here at home after one attack" and went on to say that "stateless governments were given a lesson in how vulnerable we are."

Nader also criticized the decision by President George W. Bush to enter into a war with Iraq. He blamed American culture on the country's widespread support for war but said he saw education as the way to change public opinion.

"Education is the way that makes us unlearn the propaganda we're exposed to from age two on, television violence, propaganda that is coming in from the commercial sector," he said. "Part of education is to unlearn that, that's what's called critical thinking. So you don't just knee jerk your response, so when a president says 'we're going to war' the knee jerk response is 'we're going to support that president', the knee jerk response is 'we're going to go with that war policy, the knee jerk response is it's patriotic to do so. And the

opposite direction is unpatriotic."

During his address he specifically blamed media outlets for focusing attention on the individual in the White House instead of members of Congress. He also expressed his belief that the mass media in the U.S. does not challenge slogans which accompany wartime policies.

"Our TV's show missiles taking off. Al-Jazeera shows them landing," he said.

In addition to his critical remarks on Iraq, Nader said that the president along with former Attorney General John Ashcroft had failed to catch terrorists in the U.S. since Sept 11.

"The government is starting to admit that they weren't there in the first place...its not that George W. Bush and John Ashcroft have caught the terrorists, they arrested 5,000 people for suspicion of terrorist activities and convicted two," he said. "The two convictions were overturned by the courts in Michigan a few months ago. John Ashcroft is 0 for 5,000."

After Nader's concluding remarks, students had mixed reactions to the 75-minute speech.

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Club Sports Feeling Fund Re-allocation

By AMANDA PESCI
Staff Writer

Last year's decision to change the way the school handles funding for club sports programs has caused a stir among club athletes.

According to John MacDonald, director of campus recreation, the decision was made at the end of the 2004 spring semester to move club sports funding from student activities to campus recreation; a move that was made in hopes of achieving more equality in the distribution of funds amongst club teams.

As of last year, club teams could request money from the student activities finance committee, which soon caused disproportionate funding in the program.

"Basically, it was starting to look unfair," MacDonald said. "Some clubs were getting thousands of dollars in funding, and others simply weren't getting enough."

Now that the funding is being handled by campus recreation, there is a fixed budget of \$20,000 to be divided equally between all club sports, according to MacDonald.

"The absolute most I can give any one team is \$1,500," MacDonald said. "They are all going to need to do their own fundraising to raise the kind of money they need to support themselves."

While club sports are now receiving equal amounts of money, club athletes say they find the limited budget to be unfair.

Sophomore Dustin Walker, who has been playing on the club soccer team for two years now, thinks that the cut in funds is making a bad situation even worse.

Last year, the club soccer team was one of the teams to get the short end of the stick when it came to funding.

"Last year we got some money, but it really wasn't much at all," Walker said. With a budget less than \$1,000 last year, the team had a minimal amount of funds to pay for much-needed equipment.

The team's expenditures go well beyond equipment, though, as unlike the varsity teams, club teams are not provided with transportation to and from games. According to Walker, the team, which plays 15 games in the fall and eight in the spring, travels as far as Virginia Tech, James Madison University and the University of Maryland.

It's the players who pay out of pocket for gas to make the long treks to away games. "This is a short season," Walker said. "But I've personally spent at least \$40 in gas, and I'm not

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University Debate Team Wins At Tournament

By TAYLOR HEMPELMAN
Staff Writer

At the National Debate Tournament at Gonzaga University in late March, senior Joe Packer and junior Clint Woods, closed out the debate team season. Packer and Woods won four and lost four debates and were excited about their wins but sad to finish the season.

"It was a little bit disappointing but it was impressive all the same because we beat some big teams," said Woods.

Packer and Woods also competed in the American Debate Association (ADA) National Championship Tournament winning fifth place. It occurred March 11 through 14 at the University of Georgia with the topic being the energy policy and fossil fuel consumption. The rest of the Mary Washington debate team was there, competing in their own debates, based on their levels.

The team divides into partners to compete in three different levels based on their experience in debate, including novice (debating less than a year or won less than two debates), junior

varsity and varsity. Nine of the top 25 debaters in the tournament were Mary Washington students, who discussed the energy policy and fossil fuel consumption. Sophomore James Grant and freshman Nicholas Ryan placed first in the junior varsity division and were named as the top two speakers in the division.

The debaters as a whole are proud of their wins. "Mary Wash has the history of being that small school that wins, beats bigger schools," said freshman Slade Bond, who placed fifth with his partner freshman Rebecca Voglewede at the ADA National Championship tournament.

Woods agreed. "Mary Washington is kind of unique because most schools are filled with people who debated all through high schools and our team has a large number of debaters who've never debated before... It's kinda cool that Mary Washington has a lot of people who do well despite the fact they didn't have that head start," Woods said.

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Forum Brings Together Abrahamic Faiths

By ADINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

"One of the main hopes of Pope John Paul II was to bring the whole world into a unity of faith believing people," said Father Escalante of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fredericksburg. "He did a lot of work in bringing together different people of the Abrahamic faiths."

On Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall, the Catholic Campus Ministry, Islamic Student Association and Jewish Student Association sponsored a cross-religious panel entitled "Abrahamic Religions: Unraveling misconceptions" that brought in professionals representing the three Abrahamic faiths: Christianity, Judaism and Islam. The panel members discussed the similarities and differences between the three faiths.

The panel consisted of Rabbi Linda Steigman of the Temple Beth Shalom; Minister Jeremy Pendergrift of Grace Church of Fredericksburg; Father Escalante of St. Mary's Catholic Church; and Associate Professor of Classics, Philosophy and Religion Medhi Aminrazavi, who covered for the Imam Karim, the speaker on the Islamic faith who was unable to attend.

Junior Benjamin-Josiah Huff, who is a member of the Grace Church of Fredericksburg, attended the program because he wanted to learn more about the Islamic faith.

"We went to Turkey for spring break," Huff said. "Seeing how Turkey is a predominately Muslim country, I just wanted to learn more about it."

Abrahamic faiths, according to wikipedia.com, are any religion derived from an ancient Semitic tradition attributed to Abraham, a great patriarch

described in the Torah, the Bible and the Koran.

Gabriel Walters, program coordinator for the James Farmer Multicultural Center, said the idea for such a program as this came about last year at an Islamic Student Association meeting.

"The initial idea was mine, but I can't take credit for the program," Walters said. "We tried to put something like this together last year, but this year the members of ISA actually planned it and did it."

Sophomores Humeira Akbar and Mavash Mujahid, co-presidents of ISA, planned the panel this year for a number of reasons.

"First of all we wanted people to be aware of the Jewish and Islamic religions specifically," Akbar said. "Second, we wanted to bring the different Abrahamic religions together to show that they are not that different and lastly we want people to have an overall understanding."

After discussing it amongst the members of ISA, they approached the Jewish Student Association and later the Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) about the possibility of a panel.

Sophomore Sabrina Aponte, the Temple Liaison for the Jewish Student Association (JSA), was approached early in the year about the cross-religious panel.

"At club carnival the JSA table was next to the ISA table," said Aponte. "So we started talking and ISA proposed it to me and I brought it up with ISA."

When Junior Zachary Daniel, Vice President of CCM was approached two months ago about the cross-religious panel he thought it was a great idea.

"I was informed by the ISA about the panel," said Daniel. "They basically sent me an e-mail and I responded and said, 'Hey that would be awesome

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Spring Blooms

Blooming flowers line campus walk and add a touch of color to the season.

Nader Visits UMW

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"I think he did a very good job appealing to my conscience and my responsibility as a student," said senior Colin Dunphy. "Throughout history it's always been the students that have led enlightened revolutions."

Senior Becca Morrison also enjoyed the address.

"I agree with his general message. He did kind of go off on a tangent but I liked his general message that the United States needs to be careful because if its arrogance gets out of hand, it creates more hatred than it helps," she said.

However, some students were not as impressed.

"I wasn't really interested," said junior Jesse Schmitt. "I felt like he could have captivated the audience more. I felt like it was a lot of Bush-bashing as much as I don't like Bush myself."

Junior Kerensa Green felt as though some of Nader's political visions could not be applied in the United States.

"In theory his views work. Practically, because of the capitalistic society in which we live, they can't really be applied," she said. "European countries take about 60 percent of your paycheck to pay for national healthcare. We're Americans. We don't do that."

Prior to the speech, Nader spent time with student leaders from around campus in the classics, philosophy and religion suite located in Trinkle Hall. He answered questions from students, including a question from *Bullet* Assistant Photo editor Dan Ceo about what the consumer advocate likes to do on the weekends.

"No hobbies. Nonstop," he replied. "Corporations don't stop, do they?"

Katie Teller contributed to this story.

Smaller Budgets Hit Teams

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even the one that does the most driving."

"Aside from equipment and gas money, Walker says that uniforms would be at the top of his list if there was better funding for club sports. As of now the team wears matching colored T-shirts, while all of the teams they play have actual uniforms. "I would definitely want uniforms and maybe reimbursement for equipment," Walker said. "We have to pay money out of our pockets to have any official games."

Similarly, senior Chris Coffman thinks that the budget for the club sports program is unreasonable. As president and founder of the club baseball team, which was officially started last April, Coffman needed to organize other ways to raise money just so the team would be able to support itself.

While the club baseball team has jerseys, which were handed down to them from the varsity team once the school moved to university status, they still needed to buy their own pants, helmets and hats, among other things. None of these things, however, were paid for with the money given to the team by the

school.

"Our annual dues for our league are actually \$1,000, so the money they gave us didn't go far at all," Coffman said. Once all of their funding from the school was used to pay for these annual dues alone, the team was left with an empty wallet and plenty of things left to buy. So, they resorted to fundraising and collecting club dues.

After selling hats and T-shirts, receiving a few hundred dollars in donations and collecting \$50 club dues from each player, the team managed to raise about \$1,700, according to Coffman. All of the money they raised went towards the one-time \$500 registration fee with the club baseball league, equipment and uniforms, and sponsoring a few home games.

Like club soccer, the baseball team also plays many away games, which causes players to chip in for gas money. "We have had to play a good number of away games because it costs a lot of money for us to play at home," Coffman said.

Overall, Coffman thinks the club sports program needs more money in its budget. "It's definitely nowhere near enough to run a club baseball program," Coffman said. "It's pretty disappointing."



Debate Team Takes Home Multiple Wins

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According to Bond, director Tim O'Donnell, professor of speech, "takes all these people who've never debated before...and makes them into the most competitive teams."

Bond also credits the varsity members of the team for the success.

"This debate team literally functions, not just because of the coaches, but because [Woods], [Packer] and [Golladay] help the novices...These people are the reason why the debate team of 25 is third in the nation."

It is a lot of work, though. Woods compared the amount of research done to adequately prepare for

a debate as the amount needed to complete a Ph.D. dissertation. The research done for this year adds up to about 10,000 pages' worth of evidence, including clippings from articles, newspapers and books.

Students from all academic disciplines are successful at debate. "Pretty much everything helps with debate because it's very broad and all encompassing," Packer said.

Woods also feels that debate helps with becoming a better student.

"The set of tools, particularly research and communication skills, that debate fosters are the pretty much the basis for any academic engagement," Woods said.

Corrections

In last week's *Bullet*, a headline incorrectly identified a crime as robbery. The headline should have read "UMW Students Victims Of Theft."

Scholarship To Honor Hanson

By STACY HORNE
Staff Writer

Shortly after the death of professor Bill Hanson in January, members of the sociology department at UMW began thinking of ways to honor his memory.

Hanson passed away on Jan. 31 after a battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, a rare lung disease. He is survived by his wife Roxane (Rocky) and two grown children, Megan and Jesse.

"Initially, the department became busily involved in a memorial service," said associate professor of sociology, Joan Olson. Not much later, the chair of the sociology and anthropology department, Dr. Margaret Huber, suggested a scholarship should be set up in Hanson's name.

The department began close conversations with Hanson's family who, according to Olson, were eager to support the idea. "They thought it was a great way to honor Bill," Olson said.

In their research, members of the department found that a minimum of \$20,000 must be raised in order to start a scholarship.

According to Jeff Rountree, vice president for university relations, the sum is invested and the money for the scholarship comes from the interest earned.

"If you assume a 5 percent return, a \$20,000 endowment would provide for a \$1,000 scholarship," he said.

Although the sociology department will be responsible for raising the money, the UMW Alumni Foundation will be in charge of collecting the funds.

Nina Thompson, the assistant vice president for development services, said the foundation has set up an account in Hanson's name which has already received two gifts. The fund must be endowed within five years.

The following year, a scholarship will be awarded. "I think it's a wonderful thing to set this up in the memory of Bill Hanson," Thompson said. "I think it will mean a lot to the students and faculty of the university."

Thompson said that the financial aid department, in cooperation with the department chair will choose a recipient based on the agreed upon criteria. Olson said the scholarship will be awarded to

students who are committed to the ideals of community involvement and social action.

Thompson said that after the scholarship has been endowed and awarded, the annual recipient will have the opportunity to meet with a member of the sociology department and Rocky Hanson.

"There have been some really beautiful relationships established between the donor and recipients," she said. Olson said that faculty members are in the process of getting the word out about the scholarship so they can start raising money.

She said there is no one big donor and that they are counting on the many students who "loved him a lot" to help make the scholarship a reality.

Hanson had a long history with UMW.

According to earlier reports in *The Bulletin*, Hanson came to UMW in 1981 as an associate professor and taught full time until 1996 when he underwent a lung transplant. He continued to teach part time until his death.

"Bill Hanson was a much beloved professor in the department of sociology and anthropology," said Olson. "His classes were known to be simultaneously quite difficult and a lot of fun. He challenged students to become involved in

their own communities and to work for social justice both here in the U.S. and the in the world at large."

Department chair Margaret Huber agreed.

"[Hanson] cared deeply about everybody, individually and collectively; he wanted to do what he could do, fairly, to make sure they had the breaks," she said. "On his agenda Bill Hanson came at the bottom of the list and everyone else came first."

Olson said that the same traits that people admired about Hanson and that he instilled in his students, could make raising money for a scholarship difficult.

She said Hanson encouraged his students to find jobs with non-profit organizations and to go into fields of helping people.

"Those students aren't out there making a bunch of money that they can donate," she said.

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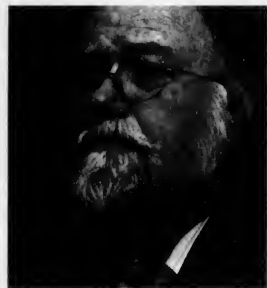
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By COREY BYERS
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Despite visiting the University of Mary Washington this April Fools' Day, former presidential candidate and consumer advocate Ralph Nader told few jokes during his address to a packed house in Dodd Auditorium.

Nader was one of three keynote speakers for the academic conference entitled "The Arrogance of Power: Being American After 9/11," which was coordinated by Joseph Romero, an assistant professor of classics, religion and philosophy.

Nader began his address by discussing the U.S. government's reaction to the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"What does it mean to be American after 9/11? Let's answer it in a variety of ways," he said. "It means its time to wake up, we got a wake-up call on 9/11 far more by the reaction by our government to 9/11 than the attack itself. The attacks itself obviously precipitated the reaction. But the reaction was so overwrought for a variety of reasons that the terrorists that are left in Al-Qaida can be seen wondering how in the world

could the most powerful country in the world freak out and distorted its priorities and suffer almost a nervous breakdown and become willing to give up its liberties and freedoms."

He criticized decisions by the government to "assign weapons away from life saving necessities here at home after one attack" and went on to say that "stateless governments were given a lesson in how vulnerable we are."

Nader also criticized the decision by President George W. Bush to enter into a war with Iraq. He blamed American culture on the country's widespread support for war but said he saw education as the way to change public opinion.

"Education is the way that makes us unlearn the propaganda we're exposed to from age two on, television violence, propaganda that is coming in from the commercial sector," he said. "Part of education is to unlearn that, that's what's called critical thinking. So you don't just knee jerk your response, so when a president says 'we're going to war' the knee jerk response is 'we're going to support that president', the knee jerk response is 'we're going to go with that war policy', the knee jerk response is it's patriotic to do so. And the

opposite direction is unpatriotic."

During his address he specifically blamed media outlets for focusing attention on the individual in the White House instead of members of Congress. He also expressed his belief that the mass media in the U.S. does not challenge slogans which accompany wartime policies.

"Our TVs show missiles taking off. Al-Jazeera shows them landing," he said.

In addition to his critical remarks on Iraq, Nader said that the president along with former Attorney General John Ashcroft had failed to catch terrorists in the U.S. since Sept 11.

"The government is starting to admit that they weren't there in the first place...its not that George W. Bush and John Ashcroft have caught the terrorists, they arrested 5,000 people for suspicion of terrorist activities and convicted two," he said. "The two convictions were overturned by the courts in Michigan a few months ago. John Ashcroft is 0 for 5,000."

After Nader's concluding remarks, students had mixed reactions to the 75-minute speech.

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Club Sports Feeling Fund Re-allocation

By AMANDA PESCI
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Last year's decision to change the way the school handles funding for club sports programs has caused a stir among club athletes.

According to John MacDonald, director of campus recreation, the decision was made at the end of the 2004 spring semester to move club sports funding from student activities to campus recreation; a move that was made in hopes of achieving more equality in the distribution of funds amongst club teams.

As of last year, club teams could request money from the student activities finance committee, which soon caused disproportionate funding in the program.

"Basically, it was starting to look unfair," MacDonald said. "Some clubs were getting thousands of dollars in funding, and others simply weren't getting enough."

Now that the funding is being handled by campus recreation, there is a fixed budget of \$20,000 to be divided equally between all club sports, according to MacDonald:

"The absolute most I can give any one team is \$1,500," MacDonald said. "They are all going to need to do their own fundraising to raise the kind of money they need to support themselves."

While club sports are now receiving equal amounts of money, club athletes say they find the limited budget to be unfair.

Sophomore Dustin Walker, who has been playing on the club soccer team for two years now, thinks that the cut in funds is making a bad situation even worse.

Last year, the club soccer team was one of the teams to get the short end of the stick when it came to funding.

"Last year we got some money, but it really wasn't much at all," Walker said. With a budget less than \$1,000 last year, the team had a minimal amount of funds to pay for much-needed equipment.

The team's expenditures go well beyond equipment, though, as unlike the varsity teams, club teams are not provided with transportation to and from games. According to Walker, the team, which plays 15 games in the fall and eight in the spring, travels as far as Virginia Tech, James Madison University and the University of Maryland.

It's the players who pay out of pocket for gas to make the long treks to away games. "This is a short season," Walker said. "But I've personally spent at least \$40 in gas, and I'm not

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University Debate Team Wins At Tournament

By TAYLOR HEMPELMAN
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At the National Debate Tournament at Gonzaga University in late March, senior Joe Packer and junior Clint Woods, closed out the debate team season. Packer and Woods won four and lost four debates and were excited about their wins but sad to finish the season.

"It was a little bit disappointing but it was impressive all the same because we beat some big teams," said Woods.

Packer and Woods also competed in the American Debate Association (ADA) National Championship Tournament winning fifth place. It occurred March 11 through 14 at the University of Georgia with the topic being the energy policy and fossil fuel consumption. The rest of the Mary Washington debate team was there, competing in their own debates, based on their levels.

The team divides into partners to compete in three different levels based on their experience in debate, including novice (debating less than a year or won less than two debates), junior

varsity and varsity. Nine of the top 25 debaters in the tournament were Mary Washington students, who discussed the energy policy and fossil fuel consumption. Sophomore James Grant and freshman Nicholas Ryan placed first in the junior varsity division and were named as the top two speakers in the division.

The debaters as a whole are proud of their wins. "Mary Wash has the history of being that small school that wins, beats bigger schools," said freshman Slade Bond, who placed fifth with his partner freshman Rebecca Voglewede at the ADA National Championship tournament.

Woods agreed. "Mary Washington is kind of unique because most schools are filled with people who debated all through high schools and our team has a large number of debaters who've never debated before... It's kinda cool that Mary Washington has a lot of people who do well despite the fact they didn't have that head start," Woods said.

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Forum Brings Together Abrahamic Faiths

By ADINA YOUNG
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"One of the main hopes of Pope John Paul II was to bring the whole world into a unity of faith believing people," said Father Escalante of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fredericksburg. "He did a lot of work in bringing together different people of the Abrahamic faiths."

On Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall, the Catholic Campus Ministry, Islamic Student Association and Jewish Student Association sponsored a cross-religious panel entitled "Abrahamic Religions: Unraveling misconceptions" that brought in professionals representing the three Abrahamic faiths: Christianity, Judaism and Islam. The panel members discussed the similarities and differences between the three faiths.

The panel consisted of Rabbi Linda Steigman of the Temple Beth Shalom; Minister Jeremy Pendergraft of Grace Church of Fredericksburg; Father Escalante of St. Mary's Catholic Church; and Associate Professor of Classics, Philosophy and Religion Medhi Amirrazavi, who covered for the Imam Karim, the speaker on the Islamic faith who was unable to attend.

Junior Benjamin-Josiah Huff, who is a member of the Grace Church of Fredericksburg, attended the program because he wanted to learn more about the Islamic faith.

"We went to Turkey for spring break," Huff said. "Seeing how Turkey is a predominantly Muslim country, I just wanted to learn some more about it."

Abrahamic faiths, according to wikipedia.com, are any religion derived from an ancient Semitic tradition attributed to Abraham, a great patriarch

described in the Torah, the Bible and the Koran.

Gabriel Walters, program coordinator for the James Farmer Multicultural Center, said the idea for such a program as this came about last year at an Islamic Student Association meeting.

"The initial idea was mine, but I can't take credit for the program," Walters said. "We tried to put something like this together last year, but this year the members of ISA actually planned it and did it."

Sophomores Humeira Akbar and Mavash Mujahid, co-presidents of ISA, planned the panel this year for a number of reasons.

"First of all we wanted people to be aware of the Jewish and Islamic religions specifically," Akbar said. "Second, we wanted to bring the different Abrahamic religions together to show that they are not that different and lastly we want people to have an overall understanding."

After discussing it amongst the members of ISA, they approached the Jewish Student Association and later the Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) about the possibility of a panel.

Sophomore Sabrina Aponte, the Temple Liaison for the Jewish Student Association (JSA), was approached early in the year about the cross-religious panel.

"A club carnival the JSA table was next to the ISA table," said Aponte. "So we started talking and ISA proposed to me and I brought it up with JSA."

When Junior Zachary Daniel, Vice President of CCM was approached two months ago about the cross-religious panel he thought it was a great idea.

"I was informed by the ISA about the panel," said Daniel. "They basically sent me an e-mail and I responded and said, 'Hey that would be awesome

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Spring Blooms
Blooming flowers line campus walk and add a touch of color to the season.
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Nader Visits UMW

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"I think he did a very good job appealing to my conscience and my responsibility as a student," said senior Colin Dunphy. "Throughout history it's always been the students that have led enlightened revolutions."

Senior Becca Morrison also enjoyed the address.

"I agree with his general message. He did kind of go off on a tangent but I liked his general message that the United States needs to be careful because if its arrogance gets out of hand, it creates more hatred than it helps," she said.

However, some students were not as impressed.

"I wasn't really interested," said junior Jesse Schmitt. "I felt like he could have captivated the audience more. I felt like it was a lot of Bush-bashing as much as I don't like Bush myself."

Junior Kerensa Green felt as though some of Nader's political visions could not be applied in the United States.

"In theory his views work. Practically, because of the capitalistic society in which we live, they can't really be applied," she said. "European countries take about 60 percent of your paycheck to pay for national healthcare. We're Americans. We don't do that."

Prior to the speech, Nader spent time with student leaders from around campus in the classics, philosophy and religion suite located in Trinkle Hall. He answered questions from students, including a question from *Bullet* Assistant Photo editor Dan Ceo about what the consumer advocate likes to do on the weekends.

"No hobbies. Nonstop," he replied. "Corporations don't stop, do they?"

Katie Teller contributed to this story.

Smaller Budgets Hit Teams

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event the one that does the most driving."

"Aside from equipment and gas money, Walker says that uniforms would be at the top of his list if there was better funding for club sports. As of now the team wears matching colored T-shirts, while all of the teams they play have actual uniforms. "I would definitely want uniforms and maybe reimbursement for games," Walker said. "We have to pay money out of our pockets to have any official games."

Similarly, senior Chris Coffman thinks that the budget for the club sports program is unreasonable. As president and founder of the club baseball team, which was officially started last April, Coffman needed to organize other ways to raise money just so the team would be able to support itself.

While the club baseball team has jerseys, which were handed down to them from the varsity team once the school moved to university status, they still needed to buy their own pants, helmets and hats, among other things. None of these things, however, were paid for with the money given to the team by the

school.

"Our annual dues for our league are actually \$1,000, so the money they gave us didn't go far at all," Coffman said. Once all of their funding from the school was used to pay for these annual dues alone, the team was left with an empty wallet and plenty of things left to buy. So, they resorted to fundraising and collecting club dues.

After selling hats and T-shirts, receiving a few hundred dollars in donations and collecting \$50 club dues from each player, the team managed to raise about \$1,700, according to Coffman. All of the money they raised went towards the one-time \$500 registration fee with the club baseball league, equipment and uniforms, and sponsoring a few home games.

Like club soccer, the baseball team also plays many away games, which causes players to chip in for gas money. "We have had to play a good number of away games because it costs a lot of money for us to play at home," Coffman said.

Overall, Coffman thinks the club sports program needs more money in its budget. "It's definitely nowhere near enough to run a club baseball program," Coffman said. "It's pretty disappointing."



Debate Team Takes Home Multiple Wins

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According to Bond, director Tim O'Donnell, professor of speech, "takes all these people who've never debated before...and makes them into the most competitive teams."

Bond also credits the varsity members of the team for the success.

"This debate team literally functions, not just because of the coaches, but because [Woods], [Packer] and [Golladay] help the novices...These people are the reason why the debate team of 25 is third in the nation."

It is a lot of work, though. Woods compared the amount of research done to adequately prepare for

a debate as the amount needed to complete a Ph.D. dissertation. The research done for this year adds up to about 10,000 pages' worth of evidence, including clippings from articles, newspapers and books.

Students from all academic disciplines are successful at debate.

"Pretty much everything helps with debate because it's very broad and all encompassing," Packer said.

Woods also feels that debate helps with becoming a better student.

"The set of tools, particularly research and communication skills, that debate fosters are the pretty much the basis for any academic engagement," Woods said.

Scholarship To Honor Hanson

By **STACY HORNE**
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Shortly after the death of professor Bill Hanson in January, members of the sociology department at UMW began thinking of ways to honor his memory.

Hanson passed away on Jan. 31 after a battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, a rare lung disease. He is survived by his wife Roxane (Rocky) and two grown children, Megan and Jesse.

"Initially, the department became busily involved in a memorial service," said associate professor of sociology, Joan Olson. Not much later, the chair of the sociology and anthropology department, Dr. Margaret Huber, suggested a scholarship should be set up in Hanson's name.

The department began close conversations with Hanson's family who, according to Olson, were eager to support the idea. "They thought it was a great way to honor Bill," Olson said.

In their research, members of the department found that a minimum of \$20,000 must be raised in order to start a scholarship.

According to Jeff Rountree, vice president for university relations, the sum is invested and the money for the scholarship comes from the interest earned.

"If you assume a 5 percent return, a \$20,000 endowment would provide for a \$1,000 scholarship," he said.

Although the sociology department will be responsible for raising the money, the UMW Alumni Foundation will be in charge of collecting the funds.

Nina Thompson, the assistant vice president for development services, said the foundation has set up an account in Hanson's name which has already received two gifts. The fund must be endowed within five years.

The following year, a scholarship will be awarded. "I think it's a wonderful thing to set this up in the memory of Bill Hanson," Thompson said. "I think it will mean a lot to the students and faculty of the university."

Thompson said that the financial aid department, in cooperation with the department chair will choose a recipient based on the agreed upon criteria. Olson said the scholarship will be awarded to

students who are committed to the ideals of community involvement and social action.

Thompson said that after the scholarship has been endowed and awarded, the annual recipient will have the opportunity to meet with a member of the sociology department and Rocky Hanson.

"There have been some really beautiful relationships established between the donor and recipients," she said. Olson said that faculty members are in the process of getting the word out about the scholarship so they can start raising money.

She said there is no one big donor and that they are counting on the many students who "loved him a lot" to help make the scholarship a reality.

Hanson had a long history with UMW. According to earlier reports in *The Bulletin*, Hanson came to UMW in 1981 as an associate professor and taught full time until 1996 when he underwent a lung transplant. He continued to teach part time until his death.

"Bill Hanson was a much beloved professor in the department of sociology and anthropology," said Olson. "His classes were known to be simultaneously quiet and difficult and a lot of fun. He challenged students to become involved in

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Department chair Margaret Huber agreed. "[Hanson] cared deeply about everybody, individually and collectively; he wanted to do what he could do, fairly, to make sure they had the breaks," she said. "On his agenda Bill Hanson came at the bottom of the list and everyone else came first."

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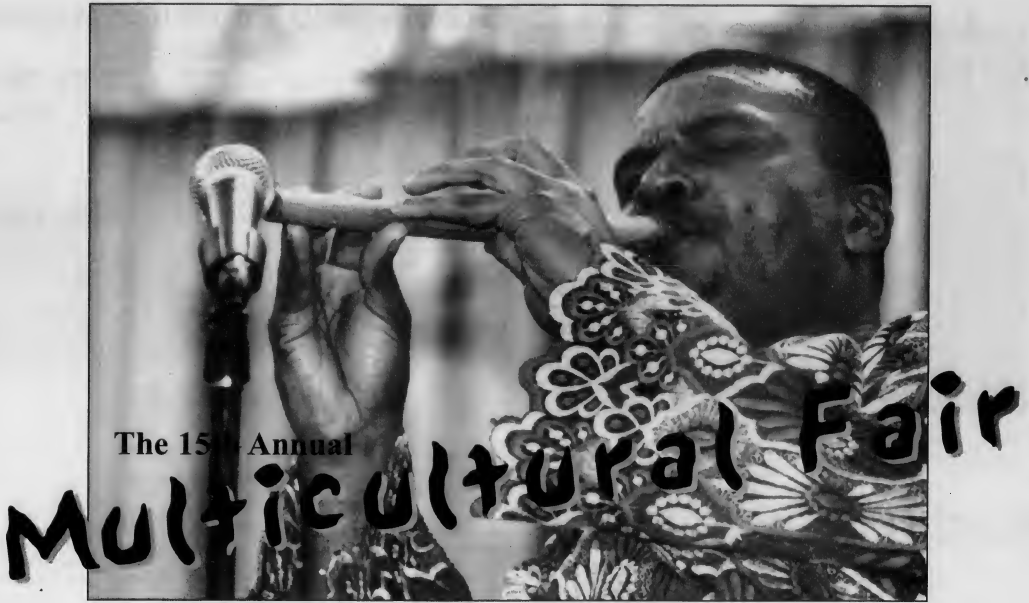
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Corrections

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By TIERNEY PLUMB
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Forty University of Mary Washington students gathered in the rain at 7:15 a.m. on Saturday morning in front of Lee Hall.

Dressed in green T-shirts, a total of 100 University students endured the sporadic weather to help out at the University's 15th annual Multicultural Fair held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Trish Harris Brown, scarf vendor and counselor at the University's psychological center, gave the students credit for getting up early to volunteer.

"This morning was horrendous outside," Harris Brown said. "I can't believe those kids were out there at seven in the morning. Good for them."

Harris Brown, along with all of the fair's craft vendors, was forced to move her table inside Great Hall once the rain plan went into effect early Saturday morning.

Harris Brown attempted to sell the 50 scarves she knitted in under a year and a half.

"I'm not making as much money this year. Probably because we are indoors," Harris Brown said.

The only stands kept outdoors were the food vendor stations in Ball Circle. The Greek Gyros stand manager, Khaled Alaawar, said he did not do good business compared to last year because of the rain and a wet field.

"I lost a lot of money today. A lot," Alaawar said.

The Funnel Cake stand, however, kept a steady line of people throughout the day. Located at the far opposite end of the Circle, sophomore Natasha Kowalchuk said the walk through the mud was worth it.

"This is the best funnel cake I have ever had in my life," Kowalchuk said.

The green program passed out at the fair listed the rain locations for events.

Because of a band rehearsal in Dodd, the printed relocation of Dodd Auditorium for events scheduled for George Washington Hall was not correct, causing some confusion among fair visitors.

Student volunteers in front of Trinkle resorted to shouting through intercoms the correct event locations that were not printed on the schedules.

"Despite the adverse weather, I think the tables and volunteers handled things well," said Johnson Maxley, a

Spoetryville County resident. "Even though I couldn't afford to buy anything, I liked the awareness tables," Maxley said.

On one side of Great Hall vendors sold clothes, make-up, jewelry, posters, and set up such awareness tables as the Rappahannock Sexual Assault Services counter. On the other end of the room performers played on the stage.

"I liked the African dance performance at Great Hall," Maxley said. "But I thought the drums were too loud. I guess that's expected since they couldn't have it outside."

Other live events were held in the ballroom of Lee Hall, such as the UMW Breakers, a UMW fashion show, and a finale of a West African drum circle paired with traditional African dancing.

During many of the live events, audience participation was incorporated into the performances.

African dance choreographer and freshman Marijah Ozolins asked the audience to partake in their warm up session. The audience gradually rose to move their feet, and the Nuances, who danced two hours earlier to Usher's "Caught Up," encouraged the audience to get into the moves.

At the end of Ozolins' dance, over 20 audience members volunteered to sit in a circle to receive a drum lesson from the UMW Hand Percussion Club.

In the Underground, several audience members clapped and sang along to "God Bless Texas" during the Black Hats and Diamonds country-western dance performance given by eight men and women line dancing in authentic country-western attire.

The audience also cheered for the seven UMW Breakers, whose break dancing moves included an intricate spinning ice skater lift and a front flip.

In addition to audience participation at the fair, students such as those in the Spanish and Latin American Student Association (S.A.L.S.A.) played a key role in some of the performances.

University students paraded down the aisle in Lee Hall in bright Latin Kaleidoscope Fashion show, modeling an international collection of clothing gathered by S.A.L.S.A. historian Sandy Acce.

Ameeta Rajagopal, director of the James Monroe Multicultural Center, said this event captured the essence of the Multicultural Fair.

"An African American wearing an outfit from India—it's wonderful,"

Rajagopal said. "You don't have to be from a certain culture to showcase it. That's the beauty of the fair."

This year the James Farmer Multicultural Center received a \$3,000 grant for the fair from chair Sabrina Johnson and the president's advisor council on diversity and community values.

The grant was this year's largest donation, and it helped compensate for the yearly price increase that entertainment acts charge to play at the fair, according to Rajagopal. The grant also covered overtime payment to ground workers, renting tables and chairs, and the fair volunteer T-shirts.

"The Multicultural Center makes no profit on the fair. In fact, we typically lose money," Rajagopal said.

The only item the center charges at the fair is the vendor tables, which costs each vendor \$30.

"That's a pretty reasonable price," said senior Carlisle Brigham, who ran a jewelry stand selling various earrings and necklaces she made out of stones that she acquired from her home in Louisiana.

Brigham sold five pairs of earrings at the fair and made about \$250.

"Vendors rack up the money at the fair," Rajagopal said.

Vendor Denise Helou kicked off the 2005 festival season at the fair by selling Indigo Moon Indian clothing, a company stationed in Eastern Market in Washington, D.C.

"I'm doing okay today, but experience tells me business is always better when the tables are outside and more people come to the fair," Helou said.

Attendance at the fair was expected to be 4,000, but rain decreased this number substantially.

Nonetheless, a wide spectrum of ages went to the fair. Friends Dane Whitworth and Lonnie Adams brought their friend Larry through the Best Buddies program, who celebrated his 50th birthday on the day of the fair.

"Larry loves this kind of thing," Whitworth said. "I think he had a great time today."



Clockwise: food vendors sold refreshments on a soggy Ball Circle; vendors displayed their wares in Great Hall; at the multicultural fashion show, students display authentic cultural regalia; and the Jazz Ensemble performed in a leaky Dodd Auditorium.

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Rugby Advances To Round Of Eight

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The weather gods were not kind to the University of Mary Washington sports teams this weekend. The Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union (MARFU) had to cancel its semifinal and final matches last weekend at Princeton University in New Jersey.

Plagued by driving winds, torrential rain and four-inch mud puddles, MARFU officials canceled most of the consolation matches due to field damage, while the championship matches were allowed to play.

The UMW women's rugby club began its official journey to the National Championships Round of Eight in Santa Cruz, Calif. on March 26 with a quarterfinal match against The College of New Jersey. The women won 15-5.

They then faced York College on Saturday with the outcome of that game deciding who would advance to Santa Cruz.

On a field with mud that acted like quicksand and winds that drove the ball all over the field, UMW beat York 15-0 and advanced to the National Championships.

The first score of the game was a three-point kick by Laura Rehbehn, who also had one conversion. Andrea Wyatt and Meghan Hoyt scored one try each.

"I didn't really mind the six inches of mud," senior Katie Miller said. "It was fun anyway. I didn't let it get me down."

The game against York proved to be one to remember, with both sides joking about the mud and rain.

The York coach even congratulated the UMW women for their sportsmanship and playing

abilities.

"Your team displayed excellent conduct, sportsmanship and good technical rugby," he said. "My team enjoyed playing you in the semifinal match as well as I did watching the match, too."

After their win, the girls celebrated with a team dinner, but headed to bed early because of the upcoming match against their rivals, Temple University, the next morning.

That day, dryer but colder, the women's team competed against Temple, the defending Division II national champions, for the MARFU crown.

UMW did not beat Temple, falling by a score of 15-0. It was a difficult match and many players attribute the loss to their mental state during the game.

Coach Kris Kabza said, "I think there were many factors that contributed to our loss. We were playing under some unusual conditions, with a referee that made many calls against us. I also think that Temple's style of play got into our heads and we lost the mental game."

"They are a good team. But I would love to play them again. I do not think the score reflects the real match. We were knocking on their door a



The University of Mary Washington women's rugby team poses for a muddy picture at Princeton University last weekend.

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lot, and they scored on breakaways. That can get into your head, too."

Despite the loss, UMW will still be traveling to compete in the National Championships on April 16-18 as the MARFU number-two team.

"My real goal this weekend was to get to California and we accomplished that. I'm just happy to get to travel there senior year. It's a great way to end playing at Mary Washington," Miller said.

UMW is seeded third, behind the two teams that competed for the national championship last year, No. 1 Temple and No. 2 Providence College.

At Santa Cruz, the women's first match will be against the Midwest No. 2 team, Illinois State

University. ISU is ranked sixth in the Round of Eight.

"Traveling to nationals is a great opportunity for our team," sophomore Jennifer Welsh said. "We get to play other teams across the country instead of just in Virginia or our area. We get to see what level of play really is out there."

"I think that there are a lot of great teams this year. Our division is the strongest, but the Midwest division is strong, too. I would say that the national championship contention is really between the top four teams. It can go either way with this level of play," Kabza said.

"We set out to reach nationals in Santa Cruz," Welsh said. "And I'm proud that we made it as a team."

Sophomore Sensation Is CAC Swimmer Of The Year



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recall going through speech therapy at Camelot Elementary School in Fairfax. He was in one of the best programs for auditory and vocal learning, which teaches hearing-impaired children to speak and read lips. He remembers learning to talk by placing his hand on his throat to feel the vibrations that his voice made. Parker was in a class with eight other children that had similar hearing problems. He went to school in Fairfax for seven years while he completed the speech therapy.

"I was put in a good environment when we moved up to Fairfax," he said. "It was great. I was around the same people. It worked out really well."

When he completed his therapy, his family moved back to Fredericksburg, where he has lived ever since. He attended nearby Massaponax High School.

One would think that living without the ability to hear would have a negative impact on one's life. This is not how Parker sees it.

"It hasn't really affected my life," he said. "I've just lived my life like any other person has. I don't really think about me being deaf very much."

The hearing aids that Parker wears at all times, except for when he is sleeping or swimming, allow him to pick up some sounds, and he has become very adept at reading lips while communicating with others. He said that sometimes his friends forget that he is deaf, since he talks and acts so normally.

"Sometimes when there's a lot of people talking to him, it might be a problem because it's hard to focus in on one conversation," said sophomore Luke Moss, who has known Parker since fifth grade. "But if you just talk to him, it's like having a normal conversation. It's like there's nothing wrong."

Parker also said that, surprisingly, his hearing problem was never the cause of ridicule from other children when he was growing up.

still needs assistance in certain situations. He takes advantage of UMW's disability services and gets other students to take notes for him in some of his classes. Other times he has his professors wear microphones that amplify their voices into his hearing aids. The key for Parker is to talk to his professors outside of class.

"I just have great communication with my teachers," he said. "I just go set up a meeting, talk to them, and make sure all my notes are ok."

Parker's lack of hearing did not stop his parents from letting him try swimming when he was only 6 years old.

"I had to watch my brother [Keith, who is two and a half years older than I am,] swim for his summer league," he said. "My parents had so much fun with him, so they decided to put me in the pool and see how I did. It worked out well."

Being deaf did not stop Parker from excelling in the water. His swimming coaches just had to make sure they looked at him when they talked so he could read their lips. When he was younger, Parker's parents were always nearby in case he missed something that was said. He also had Keith there to help him along.

Parker kept swimming through high school and he decided to continue at the collegiate level. He chose to move away from home and attend the University of Louisville. However, he soon realized that this was not the place for him. The environment was too big and he found it very difficult to communicate with his professors. There was also a lack of camaraderie on the swim team.

"I didn't have as close a relationship with the whole team [at Louisville]," Parker said. "That was kind of hard."

When he transferred to UMW, Parker found what he was looking for—a tight-knit team. Coach Matt Kinney had recruited Parker in high school, so he was happy when the 20-year-old decided to join the Eagles swim team.

"He's a great kid to have on the team," Kinney

said. "He's a very hard worker. It's always nice to have good swimmers on the team."

Kinney was not the only one who was excited that Parker transferred to UMW. All of the Eagles swimmers knew of Parker and how fast he was in the water.

"His positive attitude really had a huge impact," said sophomore Tricia Dilger. "It was contagious. He's got a really good competitive attitude."

Parker fit right in at UMW and he has never had a problem with any of his teammates. Moss thinks this is due to the closeness of the team.

"Everybody on the team gets along really well," he said. "It's kind of like a big extended family. Everybody looks out for everybody else. No one has ever commented on his deafness. No one has ever made fun of him because of that."

Parker's swimming experience differs from that of his teammates. He has a unique way of starting the race. The starting official uses a hand signal to let him know that the race is about to begin. When the official's hand is straight up in the air, Parker gets onto the starting block, and when the official drops his hand down halfway, it tells Parker to take his mark. Parker then looks at the Championship Start System and waits for the flash of light that indicates the beginning of the race.

"When the light goes off, I go," he said. Unfortunately, things do not always go as planned.

"Every now and then we'll get a starter who forgets [to use the starting light] or doesn't pay attention," Kinney said. "We try to make sure we remind them right beforehand."

Parker, who trains for about 20 hours every week, accomplished a great deal in his first season at UMW. He helped lead the men's team to its fourth straight Capital Athletic Conference championship, and its 11th in the last 14 years. He was named the CAC Swimmer of the Year.

"I didn't really expect it," he said. "It's a good accomplishment. It's just another one to put up on the list."

Parker may have been surprised by the award, but his teammates were not.

"Every time he gets in the water, everybody knows he's going to win," Dilger said. "You can see it in his eyes. [It was] really no surprise. He definitely earned it."

Parker also qualified to swim at nationals, becoming the first man from UMW to make it as an A-cut, or an automatic bid. Swimmers who do not make the automatic cut can be invited to nationals as a B-cut. Swimming at nationals, which were held at Hope College in Holland, Mich., was different for Parker.

"It's a different atmosphere [at nationals]," he said. "It's just a good experience. This year was my first time. I didn't know what to expect. I hope to go again because I'll be more

comfortable, more loose."

Kinney admitted that Parker seemed a bit overwhelmed at nationals.

"I think he was nervous as can be [at nationals] this year," he said. "It's difficult, especially going by yourself the first time. I think the experience will be very beneficial for him to perform at even a higher level next year at the meet. I think it will make him hungry to get back."

Parker's nerves did not stop him from swimming well, however. He finished 24th in the 200-yard breaststroke, 16th in the 100-yard breaststroke, and was named an All-American.

"It's a good way to start at my first time at nationals," he said. "I just wish for more."

Nationals was the first meet that Parker did not have to worry about the starting official forgetting to give him the signals. They used an extension cord to set up a strobe light right next to Parker's block so he would know when to go.

"It was great," he said. "We finally had a meet when we didn't have to worry about that."

Parker's ability to perform well in the pressure-packed nationals swim meet might come from the experience he had in Australia in December and January. He went there to compete in the 2005 Deaf Olympics. He was one of six men from the United States that competed in swimming. Parker left on Dec. 26 and flew to Ballarat, Australia, where he and his teammates trained for 10 days. They then had six days of competitions in nearby Melbourne. Parker won the bronze medal in the 50-yard breaststroke race and missed the bronze in the 100-yard breaststroke by four one-hundredths of a second. He returned to America on Jan. 15.

"That competition really helped," he said. "[I swam] against 75 different countries. It was really fun." Even with all of the things that Parker accomplished this year, he still has goals for his last two seasons at UMW. He wants to continue his success in the pool and place better at nationals. He has also set goals for the team. Parker wants to help one of the men's relay teams qualify for nationals. If a relay team cannot make it, he hopes to at least help one other swimmer make their qualifying time.

"It always makes it more fun to have someone else there," Parker said. "But really I want to get a relay to go, so that's probably the main thing I'm going to go after."

Parker is majoring in studio art at UMW. He hopes to attend graduate school in Tennessee to study graphic design. Before Parker enters the art world, expect him to make plenty more mumbing music in the pool.

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